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Basil, April 24. *N. S.*

THE Troops of the Canton of Lucerne have seiz'd upon the Posts of Mellingen and Brengarten, in the Bailiwick of Bade, and by this means have cut off the Communication between the Cantons of Zurich and Berne; upon which the Regency of Berne have resolv'd to regain those Posts by force of Arms, and to succour the Canton of Zurich and the Tockenburgers; and have order'd their Militia, both Horse and Foot, to march towards the Frontiers, on the side of Arau and Lentzbourg, with twelve Pieces of Cannon, and thirty five Waggons loaden with Ammunition. In the mean time the Abbot of St. Galle persists in his Resolutions, and has publish'd a Manifesto against the Canton of Zurich and the Council of Tockenburg: But it is still hop'd, that these Matters will not be brought to an Extremity, but that the Cantons of Basil, Fribourg, Soleure, Schaffhouse and Appenzel, that are not engag'd in this Affair, will speedily demand a General Diet; and that the Cantons of Zurich and Berne will fall into some Measures for an Accommodation, because the French are assembling their Forces about Hunningen, whereby they may give Assistance to their Friends in the Catholick Cantons; although they give out, that they are making Preparations for the Siege of Landau.

Berlin, April 26. *N. S.* His Majesty, with the Queen, went Yesterday to Oranienburg, where they will pass some time if the fair Weather continues. The Prince of Anhalt arrived here on Wednesday last from Dessau, and designs to return thither this Night, from whence he will immediately proceed to Flanders to take upon him the Command of the Prussian Forces there. The Prussian Troops which are to to assemble near Zedenick, on the Frontiers of Pomerania and Mecklenburg, have Orders to be in a readiness to begin their March thither. The Brigadier Bott, one of the King's chief Ingineers, is gone before to mark out a convenient Place for their Encampment. Four hundred Men are likewise sent to Custrin to reinforce that Garrison. The Duke of Saxe Weissenfels, who has been for some time in Pomerania, is gone through this City in his return to Saxony.

Hanover, April 29. *N. S.* His Electoral Highness, at the request of the Emperor, has caus'd a Frenchman, call'd the Count de la Verne, to be seized, as he pass'd by Dannaberg, in the Country of Cell, in his return from Swerin, where he had continu'd for about seven or eight Months: He was brought hither Yesterday, under a strong Guard, together with two of his Domesticks; they are confin'd separately: The Count is suspected to have form'd several Intriegues to disturb the Tranquility of the Empire. They write from Harbourg, in the Duchy of Cell, that the Danes upon the Elbe continue to seize the Merchant Ships belonging to the City of Hamburg, and that they have taken several of them in Places that are subject to the Elector, near Harbourg, which has caus'd a great interruption in the Commerce of those Parts. The Letters from Poland bring Advice, that the Czar had order'd his Troops that were on their march from that Kingdom, to make a Halt, because he had receiv'd Intelligence, that there was a great scarcity of Provisions in Pomerania, for which Place he had before design'd them.

Brussels, May 2. *N. S.* The States of the Provinces of Brabant, Flanders and Hainault, having been requir'd by Prince Eugene of Savoy to furnish Two thousand Waggons to be employ'd in carrying Forage for the use of the Army, when it advances farther into the Enemies Country, a great part of 'em are already gone that way, and the rest will follow with all possible Diligence. By the last Letters from the Confederate Camp, the Army was still in the former Situation, as was likewise that of the Enemies. His Grace the Duke of Ormond is expected this Evening at Gand, from which Place he goes directly for the Army. Letters of the Twentyeighth from Cologn advise, that Seventeen Squadrons of Imperial Horse were so far advanc'd this way, that they would arrive here on the Fifth Instant, and that Seventeen Squadrons more, according to the disposition of their Route, might be reasonably expected in this Neighbourhood on the Tenth. Eleven Squadrons of Prussians came hither Yesterday, and will proceed to Morrow towards the Camp. The States of Flanders are at present assembled here, in order to regulate some Conditions, upon which they lately granted the Six hundred thousand Florins, on Account of the Bread and Forage for the Imperial Troops. The States of Hainault have also been prevail'd upon to consent to the whole Sum of an hundred thousand Florins, demanded of them for the same Service.

Utrecht, May 3. *N. S.* On Saturday last, Baron Bothmar came hither in a Yatcht belonging to the States, and having notify'd his arrival, has receiv'd the Visits usual on such Occasions, as well from the Ministers of France, as from those of the Allies residing at this Place: That Minister assisted Yesterday at the Conference held between the latter at the Town-house, wherein he produc'd his full Powers on the Part of his Electoral Highness of Hanover and Brunswick. He designs very suddenly to return to the Hague, from thence to proceed to Hanover, and after a short stay to come back to his Post here. No General Conference has been held here since the Proposals, that the General Meetings should for some time be suspended, the French Ministers having not as yet signify'd to those of the Allies, that they have received any fresh Instructions from their Court, and by what appears hitherto, the same Consideration will probably prevent their Meeting to Morrow. The Earl of Strafford is return'd from the Hague, as is likewise the Baron Gersdorff, Minister from King Augustus.

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